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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Republic of Moldova (A/48/986*)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider a request by the Republic of Moldova for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Emergency assistance to the Republic of Moldova" and contained in document A/48/986*. The representative of the Republic of Moldova had indicated his desire to address the Committee in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Pantiru (Republic of Moldova) took a place at the Committee table.

3. Mr. PANTIRU (Republic of Moldova) expressed his delegation's sincere appreciation to the Governments and international agencies that had already provided humanitarian assistance to those affected by the recent drought, hurricane and floods that had taken place in his country. The damage caused by those natural disasters was estimated at $600 million. Nearly 50 persons had lost their lives; a very large number of houses, schools and hospitals had been destroyed; power and communication lines had been severely damaged; and thousands of hectares of crops had been lost. Details on the extent of the damage were set forth in the letter from the President of the Republic of Moldova to the Secretary-General in the annex to document A/48/986*. He hoped that his country's request for the inclusion of the additional item would be unanimously supported by the Committee.

4. Mr. KUDRYAVTSEV (Russian Federation), Mr. HADID (Algeria), Mrs. FLORES (Uruguay), Mr. MARTINI HERRERA (Guatemala), Ms. SEMGURUKA (United Republic of Tanzania) and Ms. AL-HAMAMI (Yemen) expressed solidarity with the Government and people of the Republic of Moldova and said that they supported the inclusion of the item.

5. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis because of its urgency.

7. Mr. PANTIRU (Republic of Moldova) conveyed his delegation's appreciation for the expressions of sympathy and support addressed to his country's Government and people.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.